



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5355

LCO No. 3111

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE JUDICIAL
SELECTION COMMISSION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of section 51-44a of the
2 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

4 (a) There is established a Judicial Selection Commission comprised
5 of twelve members. Two persons shall be appointed from each
6 congressional district, one of whom shall be an attorney-at-law and
7 one of whom shall not be an attorney-at-law, and two persons shall be
8 appointed on an at-large basis, one of whom shall be an attorney-at-
9 law and one of whom shall not be an attorney-at-law. Not more than
10 six of the members shall belong to the same political party. None of the
11 members shall be an elected or appointed official of the state or hold
12 state-wide office in a political party.

13 (b) The members of the commission shall be appointed as follows:
14 (1) The Governor shall appoint six members, one from each
15 congressional district and one at-large member, who shall be

16 attorneys-at-law; (2) the president pro tempore of the Senate and the
17 speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one
18 member who shall not be an attorney-at-law; (3) the majority leader of
19 the Senate and the majority leader of the House of Representatives
20 shall each appoint one member who shall not be an attorney-at-law;
21 and (4) the minority leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the
22 House of Representatives shall each appoint one member, who shall
23 not be an attorney-at-law.

24 (c) The members of the commission shall elect a [chairman]
25 chairperson from among the members appointed by the Governor.

26 [(d) (1) The members first appointed by the Governor prior to June
27 22, 1989, shall complete their terms of office. Of the members
28 appointed by the Governor for terms commencing November 20, 1992,
29 two members shall serve for a term of one year, two members shall
30 serve for a term of two years and two members shall serve for a term
31 of three years. Thereafter, the members of the commission so
32 appointed shall serve for terms of three years. At the expiration of the
33 terms of the members appointed for terms commencing November 20,
34 1992, such members shall be eligible for appointment to a consecutive
35 term.

36 (2) The terms of office of the members first appointed by the
37 legislative leaders prior to June 22, 1989, shall expire on September 30,
38 1989. Such members shall be eligible for appointment to a term
39 commencing October 1, 1989. Of the members whose terms commence
40 October 1, 1989, the president pro tempore of the Senate and the
41 speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one
42 member for a term of three years; the majority leader of the Senate and
43 the majority leader of the House of Representatives shall each appoint
44 one member for a term of one year; and the minority leader of the
45 Senate and the minority leader of the House of Representatives shall
46 each appoint one member for a term of two years. Thereafter, the
47 members so appointed shall serve for terms of three years.]

48 [(3)] (d) The members of the commission shall serve for terms of
 49 three years. Members serving on the effective date of this section shall
 50 continue to serve as members until the end of their terms and until
 51 their successors are appointed and have qualified. Any vacancy in the
 52 membership of the commission shall be filled for the unexpired
 53 portion of the term by the appointing authority. The members of the
 54 commission shall receive no compensation for their services but shall
 55 be reimbursed for any necessary expenses incurred in the performance
 56 of their duties. [Except as provided in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
 57 subsection, no] No member of the commission may serve consecutive
 58 terms, and if [a] such member is an attorney, no member of [his] the
 59 commission member's firm may serve a term consecutive to such
 60 commission member.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To correct the membership of the Judicial Selection Commission to reflect the reduction of the number of state congressional districts.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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